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Re: Protest of the September 21, 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas
Lease Sale, Wayne National Forest

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's
("BLM") planned September 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease
Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for
oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of
the Athens Ranger District, Monroe County, Ohio- 6 Parcels
covering 191.71 acres available for lease.

ES-001
Parcel InfoView on Map Monroe County, OH
T4N, R5W, Ohio River Survey
Sec. 7: SENE

Acres: 39.68 Opening bid: \$2/acre Open for bidding:
09/21/17 7:00 AM CDT
ES-002

Parcel Info
View on Map Monroe County, OH
T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey
Sec. 15: NENE, W2SENE, Part SWNE

Acres: 97.72 Opening bid: \$2/acre Open for bidding:
09/21/17 7:02 AM CDT
ES-003

Parcel Info
View on Map Monroe County, OH
T2N, R4W, Ohio River Survey
Sec. 15: Part NESE

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Acres: 4.16

PROTEST

I. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests

This Protest is filed on behalf of __:

[Include your name and address here. If you do not wish to make your contact information public, you must state so here. "Any protests, including names and street addresses, you submit will be made available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your personal identifiable information from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your protest. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety."]

Include a statement of your interest in the lease sale—e.g., you recreate in the Wayne, use downstream areas for recreation/drinking water, live near or downwind of the Wayne, etc.]

II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

ie- No Environmental Impact Statement has been completed, endangered animals in the area not properly considered, methane is more potent than CO2 in contributing to short term climate change, increased seismic activity in the area, proximity to the river and in flood territory, etc.